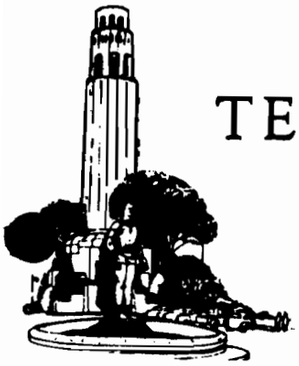

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TELEGRAPH HILL DWELLERS - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
DINNER MEETING

OCTOBER 29 SAN REMO RESTAURANT 2237 MASON STREET

NO HOST COCKTAILS 6:30 DINNER 7:30

FULL COURSE DINNER (wine and tip included) $4.00

BUSINESS MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 9 P.M.*

*Those not wishing to come to dinner may come and participate in the business meeting.

FOR RESERVATION CALL: MARY O'GARA 982-6767 or MARY CARA 392-9167

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-----You value the unique values derived from living on Telegraph Hill with its marvelous views-----

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if you appreciate the unique values derived from living in San Francisco, attend the meeting of the Supervisors' Planning and Development Committee on /Tuesday, October 27th at 2 P.M. Room 228 or the Supervisors chambers./

Protest the DESTRUCTION of our Waterfront around the Ferry Building.

It has been proposed that a U. S. Steel Hi-rise be built immediately south of the Ferry Building covering 50 !!! acres of water and featuring a proposed structure 550 !!! feet tall (80 feet higher than the bridge towers) and a huge Hotel and Passenger terminal.

Not only views but the bay itself would disappear !!!
THE FERRY TOWER would be swallowed up !!!

It is also proposed to build the "Ferry Port Plaza" to replace piers 1, 3, 5 and 7 immediately north of the Ferry Building. This project to be built on a platform about 18 !!! acres in size and extending over the bay 1,200 feet, having an area larger than 16 football fields, and rising to a height of 125 feet.

Write to the Board of Supervisors, Diane Feinstein, chairman

Write to the Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), Mr. Melvin Lane, Chairman, 507 Polk Street, San Francisco, California 94102.

Contact members of the Supervisors' Planning and Development Committee. Ronald Pelosi, Chairman, Roger Boas and James Maillard.

Letters to them or personal contact by phone would have great effect.

GO TO THE MEETING

MORE ON NORTHERN WATERFRONT

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers October 1st, a resolution was passed that we actively oppose the construction of the Ferry Port Plaza and the U. S. Steel hi-rise and that a committee be formed to work with other groups opposed to these projects, and to urge the Planning Commission to stay with the original Master Plan..

AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE FERRY PORT PLAZA

Our chairman of the Waterfront Committee, Bob Katz was spokesman for the Telegraph Hill Dwellers at a press conference held at the end of Pier 7, Sunday, October 11, 1970.

Representatives of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, San Francisco Tomorrow, San Francisco Beautiful, Citizens Planning Committee, The Environmental Workshop and other organizations attended.

They vigorously opposed the FERRY PORT PLAZA for its overwhelming bulk, lack of human scale and its violation of the letter and spirit of the McAteer-Petris Act (BCDC) and the City's Masterplan for the Waterfront.

They called on BCDC to disapprove the Ferry Port Plaza application but stressed that this is only part of the solution. Even more important is finding a desirable alternative.

There is general agreement that access to the Bay must be increased for the enjoyment of everyone. The only question is: how should it be done?

THE S. F. COMMUNITY PORT CENTER - A NEW CONCEPT

Inspection of piers 1, 1-1/2, 3 and 7 reveals that they are of ideally modular construction for remodeling. Walls can be moved virtually at will and replaced with glass. Connecting buildings between pier heads can be removed, opening up additional portions of the Bay, for a total of over 4,000 lineal feet of landscaped walkways (compared with 2,400 feet claimed by Ferry Port Plaza). Over 9 acres of usable floor space can be made available for a multitude of uses, such as: A Marine Center, offices, shops, restaurants, open-air cafes, exhibit space, library, a youth center, a senior citizens center, etc.

Attractive vantage points for observing existing maritime activities such as the Bar Pilot boats, tug boats, ferry boats, bay cruises, etc. could be developed. Fishing and boating would be retained and expanded.

"SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW - SOMETHING BORROWED, SOMETHING BLUE"

Like Ghirardelli Square, the Community Port Center would retain a genuinely San Franciscan character. In addition it would retain a true maritime atmosphere. Unlike the Ferry Port Plaza megastructure, it reflects a human scale that would attract people from all walks of life.

Economically, the Community Port Center would not generate as much revenue as the Ferry Port Plaza, but its construction would require but a fraction of the cost of that massive concrete structure.

We agree with Mayor Alioto's declaration (KQED, 10/1/70): "We are not going to give up the beauty of what we think is one of the great photogenic cities of the world for cash and taxes."

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO FINANCE THE PORT - THERE IS ONLY ONE WATERFRONT AND ONE BAY!

WE CALL FOR A SERIOUS STUDY OF OUR NEW CONCEPT, WITH ACTIVE CITIZEN-PARTICIPATION.